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NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS "Sikkim Biodiversity Conservation and Forest Management Project" is being launched with the financial assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Government of Japan in Sikkim;

AND WHEREAS various departments of the State government dealing with various issues relating to development in the State need to converge, coordinate and establish linkages relating to the activities taken up under various development schemes in rural areas in the vicinity of forest areas and protected areas;

AND WHEREAS there is need for integrating efforts towards arresting degradation of forest areas, providing employment opportunities to the tribes and weaker sections of the society, creation of durable assets and empowering community to execute schemes;

NOW THEREFORE, Government of Sikkim is pleased to constitute a High Powered Steering Committee (HPSC) at the State level for guiding the implementation of the Sikkim Biodiversity Conservation and Forest Management Project (SBFP) by the Project Management Unit (PMU) of Forests, Environment & Wildlife Management Department registered under the Sikkim Regulation of Societies, Associations and Other Voluntary Organizations Act, 2008, consisting of the following members:-

Title	Name of post and department
Chairperson	Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim
Member	Head of Department, Development Planning, Economic Reforms and North Eastern Council Affairs
Member	Head of Department, Finance, Revenue and Expenditure
Member	Head of Department, Horticulture and Cash Crops Development
Member	Head of Department, Animal Husbandry Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services

Member	Head of Department, Rural Management and Development
Member	Head of Department, Sports and Youth Affairs
Member	Head of Department, Tourism
Member	Head of Department, Urban Development and Housing
Member Secretary	Secretary-cum-PCCF, Forest, Environment and Wildlife Management Department.

The HPSC will be the highest decision-making body of the Project. It will be responsible for coordination among concerned departments in the Government of Sikkim.

The roles and responsibilities of the Committee will be as follows:-

- (i) To approve and endorse the management manual of the PMU.
- (ii) To approve and endorse the establishment of the PMU and terms of reference of the PMU.
- (iii) To approve and endorse the annual work plans and budgets of the Project prepared by the Governing Body of the PMU.
- (iv) To hold meetings to review the project's progress once or twice a year.
- (v) To provide advice and/or to resolve issues, problems and conflicts.
- (vi) To coordinate among concerned departments in the Government of Sikkim for sharing the experiences and lessons learned related to the Project.
- (vii) To lead and facilitate processes of policy change to improve the service delivery mechanism of the Forest, Environment and Wildlife Management Department based on the experiences and needs of the Project.

Representatives of JICA will be invited to HPSC meetings so that JICA can exchange information and views related to the Project directly with the HPSC members.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR

**T.T.Dorji, IAS
Chief Secretary
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